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## **CONVENIENCE STORE OWNER SENTENCED FOR SELLING EPHEDRINE**

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 47-year-old Tyler convenience store owner has been sentenced to 21 months in federal prison for drug violations in the Eastern District of Texas. **WALLY ABDER RAHMAN** was sentenced by United States District Judge Michael Schneider for distributing ephedrine tablets with the belief they would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

U.S. Attorney Orwig was pleased with the sentence, "This sentence serves as a reminder to business owners that they are required to act responsibly when selling items that can be used in the manufacture of methamphetamine."

According to information presented in court, on August 4, 2004, Rahman, a naturalized citizen from Jordan, sold ephedrine tablets that he had reasonable cause to believe would be used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Rahman sold the tablets from the A & W Grocery on W. Bow Street in Tyler. He was indicted by a federal grand jury on August 4, 2004 and pleaded guilty to the charges on March 20, 2006.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bill Baldwin.

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